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Community Calendar

Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot is tomorrow in Romulus

The annual Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot is set to begin with check in at 5 p.m., tomorrow, Nov. 22. Runners will travel from Artisan Reserve to Walter's Bar this year. Following check in, trotting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Parking will be available at Walter's Bar with shuttle service from there to Artisan Reserve, available till 6:30 p.m.

Holiday turkey attire is encouraged. To register or for more information, contact Zelle Romulus Goodfellows (734) 322-7680 and include name and phone number, or register same day at $10 per entry

Register for Brunch with Santa until tomorrow.

Registrations for the popular Brunch with Santa at the Romulus Athletic Center will be accepted online until Nov. 22 at romulusgov.com. Registration is available in person at the Romulus Athletic Center Parks and Recreation Department office at the recreation center.

Brunch will be served from 10:30 until noon Dec. 7. The $14 fee includes brunch, a photo with Santa, story time and special holiday crafts. Adults accompanying children can enjoy brunch for $6.

For more information call (734) 941-8665.

Annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Sale set in Plymouth

The Village Potters Guild of Plymouth 2024 Holiday Market is set for this weekend. Hours tomorrow and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23, are from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. This annual sale features works of artist members, as well as invited guest artists, offering a variety ceramics for purchase. The sale will take place at 326 N. Main Street (just north of the railroad tracks behind Sidecar).

For more information, visit villagepottersguild.org.

Wreaths Across America celebrated in Romulus

This year Romulus will once again participate in Wreaths Across America. The ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, Dec.14 at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Donations are being accepted to help the PVT James D Donovan/ Romulus VFW Post 78 place a wreath to honor every Veteran in the cemetery. Wreaths can be purchased online until Nov. 27. Visit: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/ Then, scroll to the bottom of the page. Select "Locations and Groups" then click "Location and Group Search". Then click "Sponsorship Group" and search for "Romulus VFW", or MI0129P to find the local group.

Donations are also being accepted at the Economic Development Office at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road.

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Parents face felony charges in son's shooting

Parents of a 5-year-old Westland child killed by a self-inflicted gunshot wound will face felony charges in the incident.

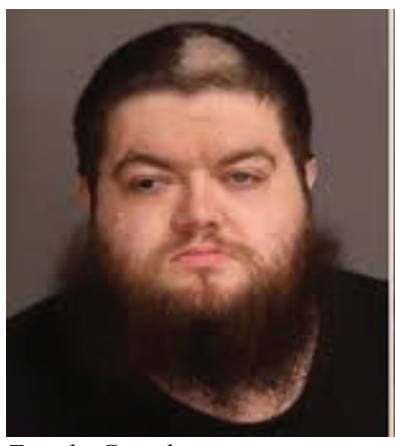
According to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, the handgun was not properly stored when the child found it in his home last week and fired it, fatally striking himself in the stomach. His parents, Timothy Gravel, 32, and Heather LeBlanc, 29, both of Westland, now are facing charges under the Michigan safe storage law, which went into effect in February. The law holds parents criminally responsible if their unsecured guns are found by minors who then kill or injure themselves or others with the weapon.

"Another young child is dead because adults did not safely store their firearms — yes, that is plural. The death of this child was completely and totally preventable. This is the seventh one this year," Worthy said in a statement announcing the charges.

The incident took place at about 8:40 p.m. Nov. 7, according to Westland police reports, when officers responded to the family home in the 33000 block of Alamo Street. The child had apparently found the gun and fatally shot himself in the stomach, according to police. Officers immediately called for medical aid and the child was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The boy's parents were arraigned on Monday in 18th District Court. Gravel received a $50,000 cash/surety bond; LeBlanc received a $25,000 cash/surety bond. The two are scheduled to appear at a probable cause conference today when a judge will determine whether there is enough evidence to send the couple to trial. If convicted, each faces up to 15 years in prison and/or a $10,000 fine.

The new state safe storage law, which went into effect Feb. 13, requires individuals to keep unattended weapons unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is reasonably known that a minor is likely to be present on the premises.



Timothy Gravel

Heather LeBlanc

If an individual fails to store a firearm as required and a minor obtains the firearm and any of the following occur, they are guilty of specific charges relating to the incident. If the minor possesses or exhibits the firearm in a public place or in the presence of another person in a careless, reckless or threatening manner, gun owners can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail or a fine of up to $500, or both. If the minor fires the weapon and injures themselves or another individual, felony charges punishable by up to five years in prison, a maximum $5,000 fine, or both can be filed against the gun owner or parents. If the minor child discharges the gun and seriously impairs a body function on themselves or another person, felony charges punishable by up to 10 years in a prison and/or a $7,500 fine. If the minor discharges the gun and kills themselves or another, felony charges punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and/or a fine of up to $10,000 can be filed against the gun owner or person responsible for safe storage of the weapon.

Fired up

Romulus fire fighters join live training

Firefighters from Romulus and several local departments attended live fire training early this month where they experienced multiple phases of fire containment and rescue at an abandoned structure.

Members of the Romulus Fire Department joined crews from several other municipalities for a live fire training exercise last week. The training opportunity was made possible to the six communities represented, including: Wayne County Airport Authority Fire Department and emergency dispatchers; Detroit Fire Department; Van Buren Fire Department; Wayne Fire Department and Huron Township Fire Department along with Romulus firefighters.

Instructors began igniting fires at about 9 a.m. inside the abandoned structure and teams were set up to perform fire attack, Rapid Interventions Teams assigned and back up crews established, according to reports of the training. All operations complied with National Fire Protection Association 1403, the standard for Live Fire Training, a spokesman explained.

By 1 p.m., the training culminated with allowing the small house to become fully involved, providing more serious training for firefighters. During the exercise, firefighters experienced several phases of training including fire attack, proper preparation of for "what-ifs" on the fire ground as well as learning what to anticipate when a fire develops beyond control including building collapse, flash overs and backdraft situations.

Among those sponsoring the training were Group 10 Management;- 1(800)Board-up (BELFOR) for providing Little Ceasar's Pizza; - Nicholas Relich from Relich Photography who provided most of the photos of the event; Tim Horton for providing coffee and donuts; IAFF 4126 Romulus Professional Firefighters for providing drinks and snacks.

No criminal charges filed in Wayne police shooting

There will be no criminal charges filed against two Wayne police officers who shot and killed a man who had called 911 for help after stabbing himself more than 50 times during a suicide attempt during a mental health crisis.

A statement from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, the circumstances of the incident indicate the officers were justified in their actions.

The incident occurred at about 2:35 p.m. June 18 when the two Wayne police officers responded to an apartment building in the 35000 block of West Michigan Avenue for a reported attempted suicide. John Zook Jr., the resident, reported that he just tried to kill himself by cutting himself all over with a knife and said that his 4-year-old child was in the apartment with him. Zook told police that he had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, but that he was not on medication because he had stopped taking it some time ago, according to police reports of the incident.

Police said Zook repeatedly refused to obey officers' commands when they responded to his 911 call at his home. Officers found him shirtless brandishing a knife, according to reports. He was reportedly holding the knife in his right hand with the blade facing downward and officers observed several cuts on his torso while standing 6 to 8 feet from him. When officers repeatedly ordered Zook to drop the knife, he refused. Officers warned Zook they would use a taser on him but he continued to resist officers' orders to drop the knife. Rather, he came toward the officers who were still in the hallway in front of his door. As Zook came forward toward them, one officer deployed his taser striking Zook during the 15-second encounter. The device had no effect, according to police accounts of the incident, and another officer fired his weapon, striking Zook four times. He then fell to the floor in the hallway of his apartment, still clutching the knife, police reports said.

At the time officers used force they objectively knew that Mr. Zook was armed with a knife, which would be legally considered a dangerous weapon.

Officers immediately called for medical assistance although Zook succumbed to the gunshots. He had suffered at least 54 stab wounds to his neck, chest and abdomen, according to coroner's reports.

According to police, the child slept through the entire event and was immediately removed from the apartment. Worthy said that the officers were acting in self-defense based in part on a review of police body cam video. The two first responding officers wore body cameras, which according to Worthy, captured this encounter.

"In Michigan, police officers have the same right to self-defense and defense of others as any other person," Worthy said in a statement.

According to Worthy, the legal standard in Michigan for the use of deadly force in self-defense or defense of others looks at whether the person using the force is reasonably in fear of imminent death or great bodily harm to them or someone else.

The officers, she concluded, met this legal standard.

"At the time officers used force they objectively knew that Mr. Zook was armed with a knife, which would be legally considered a dangerous weapon. Mr. Zook was apparently actively suffering a mental health crisis, was not acting rationally, and just attempted to kill himself," according to Worthy's prepared statement. "He was not responding to commands while standing armed a very short distance from the officers. They also knew that Mr. Zook's young child was present in the apartment with him."

The officers have not been named by prosecutors, Worthy said, as her office does not name individuals who have not been charged.

Northville Township named as 'Top Workplace' for 2nd time

Northville Township has once again been chosen as one of the top places to work in the area.

The designation, awarded by the Detroit Free Press, which recognizes outstanding employers, is based on employee feedback through a confidential survey that measures six culture drivers that are critical to the success of an organization. Those include alignment, professional growth, empowerment, engagement, respect and value.

Last year, Northville Township made history by being the first municipality in Michigan to win the award in the then 15-year history of the Top Workplaces program.

"This award is exciting," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "Back-to-back Top Workplace wins feels twice as nice. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and with gratitude to our staff, we are honored by this achievement."

Northville Township employees described their workplace culture as: supportive, team orientated, professional, friendly, flexible and work-life balance. Additional questions revealed 87 percent of staff members believe Northville Township operates by strong values. Similarly, 80 percent responded that the township is also going in the right direction.

When asked if they would highly recommend working at Northville Township to others, 78 percent said yes. Of the 166 surveys sent, 157 staff members responded. This 94.6 percent response rate is 31 percent higher than the response rate by other local governments who tried for the designation.

PUBLIC AUCTION

GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND AND RECOVERY

On Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2015	GMC	SW	2GKALMEK7F6245394	24-0019441
2006	Chrysler	SW	3A4FY58B46T315167	24-0020172

The above vehicles are impounded through the Redford Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Redford Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2016	Buick	4D	W04WT3N50GG127544	24-0039399

The above vehicles are impounded through the Southfield Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Southfield Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2010	Dodge	4D	2B3CA3CV7AH213755	24-0058526
2011	Mitsubishi	SW	JA4AP3AU3BZ003230	24-0060668

The above vehicles are impounded through the Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2024	Dodge	SW	1C4RDJDG6RC155477	24-0041783

The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is $100 purchase fee paid directly to the Canton Township Police Department per vehicle on top of the winning bid.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION

MARTIN'S TOWING
17180 DIX TOLEDO RD.
BROWNSTOWN, MI 48193
DECEMBER 4TH, 2024 • 10:00 AM

2015 GMC 2GKFLXE35F6132107
2019 KIA 5XYPGDA36KG546003
2018 JEEP 1C4RJFLG3JC215162
2017 CHEVROLET 1G1FB1RX7H0133725
2021 JEEP 1C4RJFCG2MC569324
2017 NISSAN KNMAT2MV6HP574425
2010 INFINITI JN8AS1MW6AM855058
2011 HYUNDAI 5NPEC4AB4BH276059
2013 DODGE 1C4RDJAG3DC665458
2011 KIA 5XYKUDA24BG061661
2008 PONTIAC 1G2ZG57B784105795
2012 BUICK 1G4GD5ER7CF315446
2015 BMW WBA3B5G50FNS11679
2014 JEEP 1C4RJFBTXEC140044
2018 CHEVROLET 3GNCJLSB7JL327372
2007 LINCOLN 1LNHM81V17Y607841
2015 BUICK 2G4GK5EX8F9286671
2008 ADLY RFLDT05128A007711
2014 FORD 3EADP4BJ5EM190060
2004 DODGE 1D7HG12K24S633473
2015 FORD 3FA6P0H78FR198302
2014 FORD 1ZVBP8CF0E5256777

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PUBLIC AUCTION

HOLT & SON AUTO WRECKING LLC.

The Following Cars Have Been Deemed Abandoned by The Inkster Police Dept. And Will Be Sold at Public Auction at Holt & Son Auto Wrecking LLC a 27350 Princeton St Inkster, MI 48141 On the Day of NOV. 21-24 at 10AM

Year	Make	VIN/HIN/Serial Number	Model & Body Style
2003	GMC	1GKDT13S532411290	SW
2010	CHEVROLET	2CNALBEW4A6246784	SW
1999	BUICK	2G4WY52M2X1603543	4D
2020	FORD	3FA6POD91LR193381	4D
1991	GMC	1GTDC14Z3MZ527555	PU
2006	FORD	1ZVFT80N165162546	
2002	GMC	1GDFG15R521149046	SW

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM

The Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Romulus City Hall in the Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, to discuss and hear any objections to the proposed special assessment roll for annual maintenance and energy provided by DTE on Wick (Wickham to Vining), Vining (I-94 to Ecorse), and Smith (Vining to Merriman) Roads.

The Romulus Code of Ordinances (31-3) states, "The notice of hearing shall include a statement that appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of any special assessment, and shall describe the manner of making any protest".

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, "the owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 3 0 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll *if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll*".

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Information will be available for viewing at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Romulus City Clerk at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2024, for the following:

CARPET REPLACEMENT – VILLAGE THEATER

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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